

Serial No. 10/076,337
Docket No. 40655.3700

REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action dated May 25, 2005 within the shortened statutory period for reply. Claims 1-36 were pending in the application.

The Examiner has asserted a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 requiring restriction of the application as follows:

- I. Claims 1-14 and 26-36.
- II. Claims 15-25.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, consisting of Claims 1-14 and 26-36, for prosecution in this application. Applicants do not traverse, but does not acquiesce to the Examiner's foundation for the Restriction Requirement as set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, the foregoing election is made without waiver, estoppel or without prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims.

The foregoing amendment conforms this application to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated May 25, 2005. Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any suggestions to place the application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below. No new matter is added in this Reply. Reconsideration of the application is thus requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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